

H-24- - TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

(a) For contractor travel expenses incurred on or after October 1, 1999 (where the expenditure of funds are made under the FY2000 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 106-60) a ceiling limitation of \$2,400,000.00 shall apply to all reimbursements made for contractor travel expenses under this contract. Expended funds which exceed the established ceiling will be unallowable unless otherwise authorized by the contracting officer.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the contract, the contractor further agrees that none of the funds obligated under the contract may be used to reimburse employee travel costs incurred on or after October 1, 1999 and before October 1, 2000 which exceed the rates and amounts that apply to federal employees under subchapter I of Chapter 57 of Title 5, United States Code. To the extent that this contract provides elsewhere for the reimbursement of employee travel costs which exceed the rates and amounts that apply to federal employees under subchapter 1 of Chapter 57 of Title 5, United States Code, the preceding limitation on reimbursement of employee travel costs applies to costs incurred on or after December 1, 1999 and before October 1, 2000. Costs which exceed these rates and amounts will be unallowable. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in statute or regulation.

(c) Costs incurred for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses are considered reasonable and allowable to the extent that such costs comply with per diem rates set forth in:

- (i) Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) for travel within the 48 states;
- (ii) Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) for travel in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and territories and possessions of the United States; or
- (iii) Standardized Regulations (SR) for travel allowances in foreign areas.

(d) Subparagraph (c) does not incorporate the regulations cited above in their entirety. Only the coverage's in the reference regulations addressing the maximum per diem rates, the definitions of lodging, meals and incidental expenses, and special or unusual situations are applicable to contractor travel.

(e) Airfare costs in excess of the lowest customary standard, coach, or equivalent airfare offered during normal business hours are unallowable except when such accommodations require circuitous routing, require travel during unreasonable hours, excessively prolong travel, result in increased cost that would offset transportation savings, are not reasonably adequate for the physical or medical needs of the traveler, or are not reasonably available to meet mission requirements. However, in order for airfare costs to excess of the above standard airfare to be allowable, the applicable condition(s) set forth above must be documented and justified.